

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 3720

January 28, 2016

Mr. James D. Miller Vice President-Finance, Treasurer and Secretary Barrett Business Services, Inc. 8100 N.E. Parkway Drive Suite 200 Vancouver, WA 98662

Re: Barrett Business Services, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Miller:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert S. Littlepage, for

Larry Spirgel
Assistant Director